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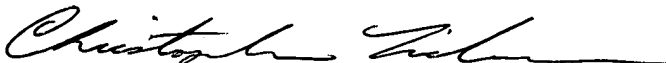
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Korsec (US Patent 6,346,103), describes a "Heating Acupuncture Needle" that generates its thermal energy from an eternal electrical source. In claim 1, he states, "A heating acupuncture needle, comprising: a needle having a tip; a source of external energy which heats a heating means, the heating means..."

Anderson (US Patent 3,938,526), describes an "Electrical Acupuncture Needle Heater" that also generates heat through means of an eternal electrical source. In claim 1, he states, "The method of heating an inserted acupuncture needle comprising the steps of: thermally coupling said acupuncture needle to an electrical heating means, detachably coupling said electrical heating means to said acupuncture needle for support..."

Neither of these designs shows an acupuncture needle capable of generating thermal energy without the means of an external electrical source.

Respectfully,



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